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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF BLUE HOUSE --
PRESS GUIDANCE

1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING MONDAY, APRIL 17:

BEGIN TEXT

Q: THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. HAS
FORMALLY DENIED THAT IT EVER BUGGED THE BLUE HOUSE IN
RESPONSE TO A KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY "SOLEMN" PROTEST OVER
THE ALLEGATIONS. IS THIS CORRECT?

A. YES.

Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN FURTHER?
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A. THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.
WE ARE NOT GOING TO DISCUSS OUR PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS
WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

Q: WAS THERE A WRITTEN MESSAGE TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT?

A: YES, BUT I HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

IF PRESSED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LETTER:

A: I CAN ONLY REFER YOU TO THE REMARKS MADE BY CIA
DIRECTOR TURNER AS REPORTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST AUGUST 9,
1977. THIS REMAINS THE AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER. END TEXT

2. SEVERAL QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ON THE ISSUE,FOCUSSED
ON TEXT OF U.S. MESSAGE TO ROKG AND DATE MESSAGE WAS
DELIVERED. SPOKESMAN USED GUIDANCE AND DECLINED TO GO
INTO DETAILS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT.
ALTHOUGH SPOKESMAN TOOK A QUESTION ON TIMING OF DELIVERY,
WE PLAN TO REPLY: "AS WE HAVE SAID, WE ARE NOT GOING TO
DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
KOREAN GOVERNMENT." CHRISTOPHER

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